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Woman robbed near campus

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

A woman was robbed at gunpoint in the parking lot of LL Sams Historic Lofts on Thursday morning.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said the incident took place at 12:25 a.m. in the Lofts parking lot located at 2000 S. First St. Swanton said a man approached a woman from behind and then pointed a gun at her. He said something she could not understand and the woman threw her purse to the ground and ran. She ran to the apartment entrance and when she looked back, the man was picking up her purse. The gunman fled the scene with her purse, headed north on First Street.

LL Sams management declined to comment about the incident.

An email alert went out to all Baylor students in accordance with the Clery Act even though Police department said there was never any imminent danger to campus.

"All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to be alert and cautious of their surroundings on and away from campus," the alert stated. "In any emergency situation, or if you see suspicious activity, immediately call the Baylor Police Department at 254-710-2222 or 911."

Both Baylor and Waco police responded to the scene. Baylor police helped secure and search the area.

"The Clery Act requires that universities issue a timely warning when a crime has occurred on or near campus that may pose a serious or ongoing threat to the campus," Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications, said. "These notices raise awareness, and they also serve as an important reminder to faculty, staff and students about safety, crime prevention and how to report a crime."

The complainant described the man as a black male of an unknown age with a thin frame who was five feet eight inches tall and about 150 pounds. The complainant said the male was wearing some type of hat with a bandana over his mouth, a plaid long -sleeve shirt and black

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Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

STAND IN FORMATION Members of Zeta Tau Alpha perform their routine titled, "We Have Awoken" at Wednesday's dress rehearsal in Waco Hall.

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Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

BEYOND THE SEA Kappa Omega Tau perform their routine "Setting Sail" at Wednesday's dress rehearsal in Waco Hall.



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DANCING COLLABORATION Kappa Sigma performs with Kappa Kappa Gamma in "Come Dance with Me" at Wednesday's dress rehearsal in Waco Hall.

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Critics challenge Baylor claim of no sex offenses in four years

DAVID WARREN AND
REESE DUNKLIN
Associated Press

DALLAS — Baylor University did not report a single instance of sexual assault in a four-year span, according to federal statistics, a finding that stands in sharp contrast to the many other private and public schools that made multiple reports over the same period.

The university has faced mounting criticism over its response to sex assaults on campus, and some critics contend administrators have failed to fully investigate complaints, including two involving football players who were later convicted.

"There's always a red flag that goes up when a school reports zero incidents," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel for the National Women's Law Center. "I don't think it's a good sign when you're not getting any reports because it's probably not true."

Among nearly 200 public and private institutions in the U.S. with similar enrollment,



Associated Press

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT Former Baylor football player Tevin Elliott waits with a unidentified lawyer on Jan. 23, 2014, in a McLennan County courtroom in Waco. ESPN's "Outside The Lines" profiled three students earlier this month who said the school failed to act after they reported being sexually assaulted by Elliott.

Baylor was one of about two dozen schools that reported no offenses.

Baylor has declined to address specific allegations, though President and Chancellor Ken

Starr has decried the "scourge of sexual violence."

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COLUMN

Lariat now has live sports play-by-play

THOMAS MOTT
Broadcast reporter

Yes, you read the headline right. The Baylor Lariat now has its own online live sports play-by-play team.

Over the past three years, the Lariat has begun to expand past simply providing written news. This pioneered the way for the Lariat broadcast team. A team of three reporters now provides weekly news videos covering both Baylor and the Waco community. If you have not checked out some of our work, you can see all of them on baylorlariat.com. I have been a part of this team for the past two semesters. However, I am now excited to announce that I and my colleague Jakob Brandenburg (a sophomore journalism major from Georgetown) now run the new Baylor Lariat Sports Radio. We both have an extensive knowledge of sports and have spent time preparing to call games live.

Our goal is to provide students with a way to listen to live Baylor sports from any location. You can listen from both your computer or any mobile device. All you have to do is go to mixlr.com/baylor-lariat-radio when there is a Baylor game on, and then you can listen in live as we call the game. So far, we have covered Baylor men's and women's basketball. However, we hope to expand to more Baylor sports in the future.



Why should you choose to listen to our live broadcast? Because not everyone has time to go to every home basketball game. We all have homework or social lives that keep us from being fans at every game. Listening to our commentary gives you the opportunity to still follow the Bears, but from the comfort of wherever you might be the night of the game. Everyone likes to listen to some form of media while they are studying whether it be music or sports. Why not turn on our broadcast? We also understand that not every Baylor game is broadcast live on television. This is where having a student run play-by-play broadcast comes in. You can catch every minute of action live. I encourage you to give our broadcast a shot in the future.

Finally, both Jakob and I are new to this. Each time we call a game, we get better at it. However, we welcome any critiques that anyone might have. We encourage you to listen to our broadcast and then let us know what you thought and how we can improve for future broadcasts. The best way to do this is to tweet at us and tell us what you thought of the broadcast. You can do that at either @BULariatSports or my or Jakob's personal Twitter accounts (@tominator006 and @jpbbug77). We hope that you will give our live play-by-play a listen. With more experience, we hope to grow to become the best student play-by-play announcers we can be. You can listen at <http://mixlr.com/baylor-lariat-radio/>.

Thomas Mott is a sophomore communication specialist major from Spring Branch. He is broadcast reporter for the Lariat.

COLUMN

Avoid assumption that yawns indicate boredom

MALEESA JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

Yawning is one of the most annoying bodily functions, following sneezing and hiccuping. A numerous number of studies have been done to figure out why we yawn. I looked at a lot of them before writing this and ended up yawning my head off the whole time. You are probably doing the same right now just from reading this, and that's not to say my writing is dull.

From a variety of articles, I took away that my propensity to "catch" other people's yawns could mean that I'm an empathetic person and probably not a psychopath. The jury is still out on that one.

All science aside, here is my plea to coworkers, professors and basically every person I interact with: please don't assume that I am bored. For the first time in my college career, I am genuinely interested in the subject matter of all of my classes. It took seven semesters, but I have finally arrived. I am only taking two classes because they are specifically required. The rest I am just taking for fun (and to fulfill graduating hour requirements).

That said, I am also exhausted. Editor-in-chief is a full-time commitment, as are many positions at the Lariat. Lately, I have been getting home around midnight and starting on homework. Students across campus can



relate, whether they are athletes, attending All-University Sing practice, working off-campus or aiming for that elusive 4.0. College is an extremely busy time in life, and I'm willing to bet that well over half of us are not getting the recommended amount of sleep.

That is why I was sitting in my history class yawning so much that it was actually inefficient to close my mouth. This was made even more awkward by the fact that I am one of 10 students in the class, and we often sit in a circle. I felt so rude, but I couldn't help it. I tried the classic "jaw-clenched yawn." I'm pretty sure the attempt to yawn with my mouth closed just made me look angry, possibly deranged.

Add to the equation that my eyes water immensely when I yawn and you should picture a full-blown lunatic. So there I am in history class, clenched teeth and weeping. What you can't see is that my body is annoyingly attempting to shock my brain back into a state of mental focus and my tears are basal tears, which serve to coat and moisturize my eyes. My body is working for me, but I look bored. When I try to cover yawns up, I look crazy. So what is the solution?

The solution is to let freedom reign. Yawn whenever you have to, unabashed. If you see someone yawning, give them the benefit of the doubt that they are just tired. You might be boring, but they might be on the verge of passing out from sleep deprivation. There is no way of knowing.

Maleesa Johnson is a senior journalism major from Round Rock. She is editor-in-chief of the Lariat.

EDITORIAL



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Anger can work for or against us

Frustration. It's still present on Baylor campus. It's still somewhat present in the media.

Today marks 20 days since ESPN aired the "Outside the Lines" report pertaining to sexual assault cases at Baylor. For most media outlets, the sensationalism has worn off. Baylor was a momentary blip on the radar. For many students, however, sexual assaults and how the cases were and are handled are still looming issues.

The topic of sexual assault is emotionally charged. Phrases like "victim blaming," "stonewalling" and "cover-ups" were at the forefront of articles covering the issue at Baylor. Students were angry, hurt and ashamed of a university they once took great pride in. It seemed as though each attempt made by President and Chancellor Ken Starr to address the issue just stirred up more animosity from students.

In a previous editorial, "Questions regarding sexual assault cases," the Lariat editorial board asked for answers to questions we felt had not been addressed. There were only three questions. This number is much smaller than the questions buzzing around campus. However, Starr repeatedly stated that many things could not be addressed because it could impact the external investigation taking place. Even an apology, should it have been issued, could be seen as an admittance of guilt and render the investigation useless. Furthermore, due to the privacy surrounding sexual assault cases and the nature of external investigations, there are many things that even the highest level of administration may not know yet. Even if they did know, disclosing such information could be a detriment to the investigation as well as an extreme invasion of the reported victims' privacy.

This is not what we as students want to hear. We want justice, and we want it now. However, until the investigations are complete, who is to say what justice is?

In response to the issue, a group of alumni created a petition that received over 1,700 signatures, and a candlelight vigil was held in front of the Allbritton House. Starr responded with a statement on Feb. 9, saying, "Thank you and we hear you." This garnered mixed emotions from those involved with the vigil. Perhaps some felt that it was just another statement. The action plan approved by the Baylor Board of Regents on Friday, however, shows that Baylor is going a step further. This plan includes dedicating funds to increase the number of counselors on staff and mandating Title IX training for all students.

Student anger and pressure did make an impact. Some of the anger, though, while understandable, was misdirected. Even media outlets expressed an extreme distaste for Baylor administration. A lot of the frustration vented about Starr and other administrators distracted from the actual issue: sexual assault at Baylor. It is an issue worthy of anger. Let's make sure this anger is purposeful and directed at the root of the problem. It is human nature to close yourself off in response to anger. Gearing anger toward individuals that are capable of changing things is counterproductive.

Baylor is trying to move forward. The board of regents is taking action, Starr is meeting with student leaders and the investigation is still underway. The initial student fury could very well be part of what spurred these efforts, but it is time to switch gears. As students, let's do our best to hold the administration accountable for the changes being made, but understand that great changes don't happen overnight.

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*Sic 'Em
Bears!*

Death on screen, but this legend lives on

Baylor screenwriters are tickled to death by killing of former professors in their work

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

Robert Darden has died nine times. His former students, Michael Brandt and Derek Haas, kill a character named Darden in every screenplay they write.

Darden, journalism, new media and public relations professor, said he knew immediately that his students Brandt and Haas had a gift for writing. He did not know they would go on to write several movies and TV shows or make this little incident a reoccurring theme in their work.

Before Brandt got his master's degree from Baylor, he had a final project; he needed to make a movie. For this movie, he asked Darden to play a character that dies. Brandt received an A on the film and decided having Darden die was his good luck charm. From there, Darden's repeated deaths were born.

Darden's favorite death of his is in the movie "3:10 to Yuma." Russell Crowe's character kills a gang member and turns around and says, "Darden was stupid. Darden had to die."

Brandt and Haas have this Darden character die in everything they've written, including "2 Fast 2 Furious," "Catch That Kid," "Wanted," "The Double," and "Grand Theft Auto IV."

"Brandt and Haas turned it into a competition of who could kill me first," Darden said.

Darden's quickest death was in the first scene of the first episode of the TV show "Chicago Fire." It is his death that incites the entire series.

Brandt and Haas also pay tribute to Michael Korpi, a Baylor film and digital media professor, by having a character named after him die in "2 Fast 2 Furious."

Haas and Brandt met at Baylor in Darden's



Dane Chronister | City Editor

NINE LIVES It seems as though Baylor professor Robert Darden can not out run death. Darden has been killed in films, television shows, video games and even books written by world famous authors such as Steven King.

screenwriting class and believe Baylor, that class and Darden played a big role in their success.

"You talk about someone who changed your life - that's Bob Darden," Haas told Baylor Magazine. "He was so charismatic and

enthusiastic and cynical, yet he talked to us as adults."

Darden knew from the first scripts they turned in that they would both be great writers.

"They're storytellers. They write strong

narratives with believable characters," Darden said. "But most importantly, they are great critics and supporters of each other."

Darden said he believes their partnership and mutual respect is what makes their writing so unique and successful. He believes because they have worked so hard together they have created two great writers instead of one.

Darden kept in touch with Brandt and Haas after they graduated moved to Los Angeles. He is extremely impressed with their writing but is even more impressed with their character.

"They do not take their success lightly. They know it is a blessing and a gift and do everything they can to give back," Darden said. "Despite the Hollywood stereotype, these are great people."

Grateful for the education they received at Baylor, Brandt and Haas are always looking to help other Baylor students and graduates.

Brandt and Haas have worked with several Baylor students are willing and eager to share their knowledge. They are both always been more than happy with the outcome when they give Baylor students a chance. Although they may have a bias they, believe Baylor graduates have qualities the film industry needs.

"Baylor was such an instrumental part of my career. Giving back it was never a question," Haas told Baylor Magazine.

Plano junior Reed Nelson, a film and digital media major, said he finds confidence in Brandt and Haas' story.

"Their success shows that the education and experiences we get at Baylor can help us to go on and do great things," Nelson said. "I know with a Baylor film and digital media degree I can be successful and get to the top of my field."

GLOBAL BRIEFS

Pope declares Trump ‘not a Christian’

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE — Thrusting himself into the heated American presidential campaign, Pope Francis declared Thursday that Donald Trump is "not Christian" if he wants to address illegal immigration only by building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Turkey blames Kurds for car bombing

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey on Thursday blamed Kurdish militants at home and in neighboring Syria for a deadly bombing in Ankara and it stepped up pressure on the U.S. to sever ties with the Syrian Kurdish militia that has been a key force against the Islamic State group in the complex Syrian conflict.

Texas health official leaves after backlash

AUSTIN — A top Texas health official is stepping down after co-authoring a study that drew backlash from Republicans for suggesting that cuts to Planned Parenthood are restricting women's health care statewide. Rick Allgeyer is leaving as director of research at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission effective March 31.

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GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN The inside of the stadium has had, turf, seats and numerous other pieces of the stadium removed and sold, or re-purposed. The stadium is being torn down in order to fulfill the \$35 million Tax Increment Financing grant given to Baylor for the building of McLane Stadium.



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

MOVING ON OUT Baylor received a five-acre plot of land for the deconstruction of the stadium in November 2015.

Floyd Casey undergoing demolition

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Floyd Casey Stadium is undergoing demolition and many people are mourning the loss of this former home of the Baylor Bears. The work began in January and is expected to end in late spring or early summer. The stadium is being torn down in order to fulfill the \$35 million Tax Increment Financing (TIF) grant given to Baylor for the building of McLane Stadium. The city of Waco agreed to finance the project with the promise of use of the land where Floyd Casey currently stands. According to the agreement, the Floyd Casey Stadium either had to be torn down or another use for it had to be found that was of equal value to the city of Waco. “Anything you might hold at that venue, people are going to want to come to McLane at this point,” said Brian Nicholson, vice president for operations and facilities management, said. “There were no financially viable alternatives for that property.” The project was originally set to end in January, but a six-month extension was granted by the city.

“The fear could have been that we would get TIF funds and that we would leave Floyd Casey standing,” Nicholson said. “You know if you go around town and see old dilapidated structures... They didn’t want that and we weren’t going to do that.” Loyd D. Nabers Demolition LLC is leading the charge on the demolition. The first step of demolition was taking care of environmental remediation before the stadium was stripped of any recyclable materials, according to Nicholson. This past week, they began to tear out concrete. Professor Maxey Parrish, senior lecturer of Journalism, Public Relations and new media, attended his first football game at Floyd Casey. He then went on to attend games as a student at Baylor and work for the sports department for 19 years.

“I attended, in the neighborhood, about 200 games there, about half as a fan and half an employee,” Parrish said. “It’s probably safe to say I spent about as much time there as anybody for a very long time.” The architecture of the building was one of its best qualities, Parrish said, but the stadium had severe issues with foundation and safety from the beginning. The dated stadium was the home of the Baylor football team for over 60 years. After many attempts to patch it up, the move to McLane was necessary, Parrish said. “It’s on its way to becoming an eyesore and just detracting from Waco. If there’s a better use for that land, then let’s utilize it. It’s like anything else, you get nostalgic because you invest so much of your life into that place, but it’s time,” Parrish said. San Marcos, senior, Kody Banda, is the male

captain on coed cheer squad and was on the field during the last year Floyd Casey was in use. “The very last game was freezing. The sheer fact that so many people stayed... It set the groundwork for me being a die-hard Baylor fan, considering it was my first year here,” Banda said. Banda shares his memories with fellow classmates and teammates and hopes that Floyd Casey will never be forgotten by future students and Baylor alumni. “I believe it’s served its purpose and it laid the foundation for Baylor athletics and football. We’re bringing what Floyd Casey gave us back to campus, back to McLane,” Banda said. “The surrounding neighborhood isn’t campus, so it can serve a bigger purpose for the citizens of Waco.” Waco will use the property for the development of the city, most likely for housing or commercial building. Baylor received a five-acre plot of land for the deconstruction of the stadium in November 2015. A proposal has been sent to the city of Waco requesting the creation of a sports medicine and exercise science building. So far no word has been given on the proposal.

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Kody Banda | San Marcos, senior



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Law student gets early start in political field

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

WACO — Now, in the midst of election year, is the perfect time for many students to get involved in political campaigns, and that is exactly what one Baylor student is doing.

Caleb Gunnels, a first-year Baylor Law student from Fairfield has been involved with political campaigns since his junior year of Baylor undergrad. Starting out, he interned for Greg Abbott's gubernatorial campaign. Afterwards, he was offered a full-time staff position as a field representative, where he managed multiple Texas counties and oversaw campaign events all while he was a student. Currently, he is assisting with Ralph Patterson's campaign for Congress.

After learning how to work on a campaign while going to school, Gunnels offers advice to other students who are also interested in getting involved on the campaign trail.

How did you get your start in campaigning?

When I was in political science classes, it was really neat to study everything, but I really wanted to see how (campaigning) worked. In reality, with political science, the way to actually to go out and do something in public service or in campaigns after graduating is by having connections. If you don't have connections, you are just another student studying and that's it."

"It was my junior year at Baylor. I had the opportunity to do an internship for Greg Abbott, and I was able to see how the campaign worked. I put a lot of work into it and just busted my tail, and when the internship was over, I was offered the job, and off I went from there. I was making more money than I was working in restaurants, and I was making connections and meeting people.

What was your experience like on your first campaign?

I pulled my hair out a few times. It was just busy. I liked the fact I could travel around to different counties in Texas. I was making thousands of phone calls, knocking on doors, setting up events to try and get people locally involved. It was a lot of busywork and a lot of responsibility, but I had a good time doing that. Talking to professors, talking to my friends and

telling them to get involved was pretty cool.

What was the most challenging thing you encountered on your first campaign?

I was really hoping that when I talked to people about voting for Greg Abbott, they would be a lot nicer, but when you call people on the phone Saturday or Sunday afternoon or knock on their door and talk about political stuff, people are not as nice to you. Some people were really nice, but a lot of people were not. Some people slammed doors in your face, other people yelled at you and cussed at you.

My first event, I went down to Austin to block walk for Greg Abbott's campaign. There were a lot of people protesting about abortion and women's rights, and people were yelling and chanting. We had to walk by them and not say anything while they were yelling all this derogatory stuff. I think that was my first actual event on Greg Abbott's staff, and that was a little scary. That's some of the stuff I didn't expect. I mean, you see it on the news. But as a student, you aren't really a part of it, so it was really eye-opening for me.

What is something you wish you would have known in the beginning?

To jump into it earlier. When I jumped into it, it just opened up that world. It's a whole different ball game than just opening up a book and studying. Just jump in and get involved as quick as possible because the amount of people I was able to meet in the short time period made everything worth it. It doesn't matter what year you are in college; my advice to you is to just get involved, especially if it's something you really have a passion for. If you're just willing to study it but not go out and act on the problems you're trying to solve, then you are really wasting your time.

How do you get involved in campaigns in the beginning?

You look at who is running, shoot them an email and say you are wanting to intern or volunteer. I don't think there is one single candidate who is running for political office right now who will not accept volunteer or internship work. A lot of students don't want to dive into volunteer work because it's free and there isn't class credit, but as a student, you shouldn't be too prideful to do free work because in reality, you're doing that free work in hopes of getting an internship or a job. You have to start somewhere. If someone tells you no, just keep going. Then you haven't lost anything.



Caleb Gunnels



Lariat File Photo

PREPARATION Boerne junior Jonathan Anzollitto checks out the Peace Corps booth at the Make a Difference Career Fair at the Cashion Academic Center on March 26, 2013. On Thursday, students met in the Waco Convention Center to visit with potential employers about future jobs and internships at this semester's Career Fair.

Career Fair fosters student connections

ERIC VINING

Reporter

WACO — Baylor students converged in the Waco Convention Center on Thursday afternoon to meet with professionals from a wide range of industries and trades.

The event, hosted by Baylor's Office for Career and Professional Development, aimed to make it easier for soon-to-be graduates and new students alike to connect with employers.

"I'm here to grow professionally and personally, and to develop who I am as a person," said Centennial, Colo., senior Joy Dafoe, a student the Baylor Business Fellow Program.

The fair hosted a wide range of employers from across the United States, offering everything from temporary summer internships to full-time positions.

"I was looking at Lockheed-Martin. There were also a couple risk-management companies I enjoyed," said Mesquite senior Marc Webb. "I was also looking into policy, working with compliance and contractual work."

In total, more than 160 employers from across the nations reserved booths and were represented at the Waco Convention Center. The employers represented a wide range of industries, including city and state government, technology, business consulting, management, investment firms as well as nonprofit groups and local organizations based in Waco and the surrounding area.

"There are a lot of different companies. There are nonprofits, there are obviously for-profit companies, retail, even the Greater Waco Chamber," Dafoe said.

This semester's career fair was sponsored by eight organizations represented at the event: Family Heritage, Hole in the Roof, Paratus Diagnostics, RightNow Media, Sewell Automotive, SoftwareONE, Southwestern Advantage and Walmart Logistics.

Aside from career fairs offered throughout the year, Baylor students and alumni can also view current job listings from a wide range of employers through HireABear, the Office of Career and Professional Development's employment website.

Seattle implements new plan for homeless



Associated Press

HOMELESS Harold McDuffie II, who says he has been homeless for three years, watches pedestrians pass by as he lies in a sleeping bag on a bridge leading to the ferry dock in downtown Seattle in this February 9, 2016, photo. The Seattle mayor and the City Council are under pressure to do more to help people who are homeless in the city, and they are taking steps to offer the homeless cleaner, safer places to stay. This week, the city plans to open two parking lots where people living in RVs and cars can park overnight with access to toilets, garbage and social services. Officials are also planning a third tent community.

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‘PAC MAN’ FOR CASH? People play Grab Poker at the Gambli booth in Las Vegas. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission met Thursday to discuss draft regulations for so-called “skill-based” slot machines.

States weigh rights for new gambling laws

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON — It’s like “Guitar Hero” that pays you back, if you’re any good.

At least, that’s the pitch gambling regulators across the country are hearing as they consider whether to allow casinos to offer slot machines that mimic video and arcade games in an effort to attract younger gamblers.

The latest is Massachusetts, where the state Gaming Commission released draft regulations governing the new machines on Thursday.

Marcus Prater, executive director of the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers, a Nevada-based industry trade group, says so-called “skill-based” slot machines are meant to appeal to millennials who tend to skip over traditional machines because they see them as old-fashioned.

“This is something totally new,” he said. “Players have never had the option, in any market in the world, to influence the outcome of the game.”

What the industry considers “skill-based” slot machines runs the gamut. Some manufacturers have unveiled machines giving gamblers the option of playing classic video games like “Space Invaders” and “Pac Man” as a sort of bonus round to earn more betting credits in between typical slot machine play

Others are toying with gambling versions of arcade games like pinball and video game console products like “Guitar Hero.” Still others are developing casino gambling versions of popular smartphone games.

Cheered in Havana, Obama’s trip to Cuba scorned by GOP

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama’s plans for a history-making trip to Cuba drew hopeful cheers in Havana on Thursday but equally emphatic condemnation from many U.S. lawmakers and Republican presidential candidates, who accused the president of rewarding a “dictatorial regime.”

Jeb Bush called the plans “appalling,” Florida Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, born in Havana, deemed Obama’s March 21-22 visit “absolutely shameful.” New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez — a member of Obama’s party — accused him of ceding U.S. leverage to the communist nation 90 miles south of Florida.

“The president is again prioritizing short-term economic interests over long-term and enduring American values,” said Menendez, another Cuban-American. He likened Obama’s rapprochement with Cuba to his nuclear deal with Iran.

Not so, said Obama, who pledged to press President Raul Castro on human rights and other thorny issues during their sit-down in the Cuban capital. The White House said pointedly that it had put Castro’s government on notice that Obama would also meet with dissidents and activists — a precondition the president had laid out for a visit.

“We still have differences with the Cuban government that I will raise directly,” Obama said as he announced



Associated Press

CRUISING IN STYLE Tourists ride vintage American convertibles as they pass by the United States embassy Thursday in Havana, Cuba. President Barack Obama announced via Twitter he will visit Cuba on March 21-22, making him the first sitting president in more than half a century to visit the island nation.

the visit on Twitter.

The trip will mark a watershed moment in U.S.-Cuba relations, making Obama the first sitting U.S. president to set foot on the island in nearly seven decades.

The U.S. was estranged from the communist nation for over half a century until Obama and Castro moved toward detente more than a year ago. Since then, the nations have reopened embassies in Washington and Havana and moved to restore commercial flights.

“This visit for me and for all Cubans will be an open door to what we need, which is that they finally lift the blockade, which is what hurts us,” Yosvany Martinez, a 36-year-old government parking

attendant in Havana, said.

Obama hopes to persuade Congress to lift the trade embargo — Havana’s biggest request of the U.S. Although short-term prospects have seemed unlikely, some Republicans have suggested Congress could pass legislation repealing sanctions by year’s end.

Cuban Foreign Trade Minister Rodrigo Malmierca, in Washington for business talks, told The Associated Press that Obama’s visit will be good news for his country.

“The president will be welcomed,” he said in Spanish.

Though Obama sees the re-launch with Cuba as a major achievement of his foreign policy, he’s had to strike a careful balance to defend

engaging with a communist government that still is seen as stifling political opposition and restricting free speech. The White House pointed to Cuba’s recent release of long-term political prisoners, expansion of Internet hotspots and easing of restrictions on private business.

On the economic front, the two nations signed a deal this week on commercial air traffic, and the U.S. approved its first factory in Cuba since 1959, when Fidel Castro took power.

Obama has argued that the long U.S. effort to put an economic squeeze on Cuba has failed to advance U.S. interests. Engaging the former Cold War foe offers better prospects for reform, Obama and supporters maintain.

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EXPLORING DIFFERENCES Baylor Ambassadors meet with international students to make them feel welcome. As students study abroad, International Student Relations Coordinator Melanie Smith suggests that students do their own research on the culture.

Cultural knowledge: essential tool abroad

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

Giving someone an even-numbered bunch of flowers in Russia symbolizes death. Differences in tradition and culture in other countries are abundant, and sometimes tricky to catch onto. Baylor alumna Rachel Clark studied abroad in Egypt in the summer of 2013 and learned that even showing someone the bottom of your foot can be considered highly insulting. “I would be wearing sandals, and [people in Cairo] would say, ‘That’s too much skin. How dare you show your toes,’” Clark said. And it did not stop with footwear. More conservative Egyptians would make Clark tuck in her shirt, or roll down her sleeves despite the 120-degree Fahrenheit weather. But Clark, who was evacuated when former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi was overthrown, did not mind changing her behavior or wardrobe – it was learning how to communicate that was the most difficult. “The biggest thing I learned was not necessarily the taboos, the do’s and the don’ts, but the communication style,” Clark said. “Like, are they indirect?

Does a long pause mean that they are angry with you or does that mean they are accepting of what you are saying?” International Student Relations Coordinator Melanie Smith suggests students do their own research prior to traveling. “You also have to be proactive in taking that on yourself to research and learn about the culture you are going to study in,” Smith said. But cultural differences do not always elicit hostility. Wenzhou, China, sophomore Esther Zhao said her outlook on life changed after coming to America. “I think if you know friends that are different than you, then it’s kind of life changing,” said Zhao, who is the president of the Baylor Chinese Students and Scholar Association. Despite English being her second language, Zhao said she desires to fully immerse herself in new cultures. She has already traveled to Boston, San Diego and Chicago. She will also be studying abroad in Maastricht this summer through Baylor. But Smith said for cultural differences to be accepted, rather than rejected, students have to go through

“internationalization.” This means students from multiple cultures share their life experiences, cultures, and most importantly, their stories. “Communication, culturally, on a lot of continents is through stories of family and culture. Sit down and listen to those,” Smith said. On several occasions, Baylor has made international students and students from different religious backgrounds feel welcome. After presidential hopeful Donald Trump’s remarks on banning Muslims from entering the United States, Baylor students held a vigil in respect of their Muslim peers. Zhao recommends for students to experience other cultures. After living in Texas, she now has plans on attending graduate school here, and to travel whenever she gets the chance. “You get to see so much more,” Zhao said. “It’s really expensive, but it’s worth it.” Smith said she also recommends students “reach across the aisle” if they see a student from another country. “Your life could really be blessed by that,” Smith said.

Computer science Ph.D. program coming fall ‘17

RACHEL LELAND
Staff Writer

In fall 2017, Baylor University will welcome the Department of Computer Science’s first Ph.D. program. Nearly two years after the program was first approved by the department in the fall of 2014, the Baylor Board of Regents accepted the department’s proposal Feb. 12.

“I’m very excited and proud of the hard work that the department has done to get the proposal forward,” said Dr. Greg Speegle, professor and chair of the School of Engineering Computer Sciences. “I’m very proud of the fact that Baylor has recognized the accomplishments of the department. This is something we’ve wanted for a while, and it’s a great opportunity for us.”

Speegle, along with professors Dr. Erich Baker and Dr. Greg Hammerly, co-authored the proposal after the department recognized a need to bring in Ph.D. students in order to expand the computer science program’s research.

The department is responsible for multiple interdisciplinary collaborations with other Baylor departments that are able to take advantage of computer capabilities and big data analytics.

For example, in October 2014, Hammerly launched the White Eye Detector app. The app was co-created by Baylor chemistry professor Dr. Bryan Shaw and a graduate student. It scans images of infants and detects Leukocoria, or white pupils. Since the retina is red and



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COMPUTER CONNECTION Corpus Christi sophomore Ethen Menele takes advantage of the computer lab at the Rogers Engineering and Computer Science building on campus.

should reflect red when light hits it, white pupils could indicate a tumor. “We’ve said that we have in this department expertise that gives us the nucleus of a group that can take advantage of this combination of new areas combined with new things in computer science,” Speegle said. However, the department lacks one thing: Ph.D. candidates. “There are just simply too many things that need to be done for faculty to get it all done,” Speegle said. Faculty must divide their time between teaching and research. Because they are able to do research full time Ph.D. candidates will dramatically increase research potential of the department. Once the program is developed, the department hopes to hold around 35 Ph.D. candidates. Compared to the 11 faculty currently employed, the doctoral candidates provide more

potential for research. One of the ways the department hopes to attract candidates is through the International Collegiate Programming Contest. It is a worldwide contest where over 20,000 students compete. Its headquarters are located at Baylor. Finals are held all over the world, and the department plans to recruit candidates through the competition as well as through its own program. “We have really good students who graduate from Baylor,” Speegle said. “Faculty are also going to talk to other universities in the state.” Speegle said he hopes the program will accept its first doctoral candidates in the fall of 2017 and is glad the university recognized the opportunities the program will bring for the university and the department. “Baylor is very prudent when it comes to adding doctoral programs they feel benefit the university as a whole,” Speegle said.

Pope says contraception is condoned in Zika crisis

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE — Pope Francis has suggested women threatened with the Zika virus could use artificial contraception, saying “avoiding pregnancy is not an absolute evil” in light of the global epidemic. The pope unequivocally rejected abortion as a response to the crisis in remarks Wednesday as he flew home after a five-day trip to Mexico. But he drew a parallel to a decision by Pope Paul VI in the 1960s to approve giving nuns in Belgian Congo artificial contraception to prevent pregnancies because they were being systematically raped. Abortion “is an evil in and of itself, but it is not a religious evil at its root, no? It’s a human evil,” Francis told reporters. “On the other hand, avoiding pregnancy is not an absolute evil. In certain cases, as in this one (Zika), such as the one I mentioned of Blessed Paul VI, it was clear.” Francis was responding to a reporter’s question about whether abortion or birth control could be considered a “lesser evil” when confronting the Zika crisis in Brazil,

where there has been a spike in babies born with abnormally small heads to Zika-infected mothers. The World Health Organization has declared a worldwide health emergency over the Zika virus and its suspected link to birth defects. On Thursday, the U.N. agency advised the sexual partners of pregnant women to use condoms or abstain from sex if they live in or have visited Zika-affected areas, echoing a recommendation made by U.S. health officials. The virus has been reported in at least 34 countries, most of them in overwhelmingly Catholic Latin America and the Caribbean, where access to birth control is often limited and abortion is heavily restricted. Theologians and some Latin American bishops cautioned the pope was not giving a green light for Catholics to use artificial birth control, nor did his remarks amount to a change in church teaching. But Francis’ comments suggest that Catholics under specific circumstances could make a “conscience-based decision about whether they should prevent pregnancy,” said the Rev. James Bretzke, a moral theologian at Boston College.

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Nursing school receives funds

JESSICA BABB
Broadcast Managing Editor

The Louise Herrington School of Nursing was awarded a \$652,800 grant from the United States Agency for International Development American Schools and Hospitals Abroad to partner with the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India.

“It is so important because of development of both the nursing school in India and the hospital and its something they themselves at least would not have been able to do,” said Dr. Rebekah Naylor, who was a missionary surgeon at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital and was the founder of the adjoining Naylor nursing school. “It will be important in education, training nurses in India, helping them empower women and provide better healthcare for the people they serve.”

The grant will fund a new simulation education center, where patient experiences can be simulated, and a research center. In addition ,the grant will also provide housing for nurses.

“In India it is very common for nurses to live on the campus or close to the campus because most of them are women and it is not safe for them to be walking back and forth in the dark,” said Dr. Shelby Garner, assistant professor at the School of Nursing. “Some of the women we spoke with when we were doing research for the grant would come to the hospital several hours early and just sit and not be paid because they had to get there before it got dark since it wasn’t safe for them to travel back and forth. That’s another great thing about the center. Its going to address some of those needs.”

There are many challenges nurses in India must overcome due to historical, religious and cultural factors within the country. When the caste system was predominant many years ago, nurses were considered to be part of the lowest caste because they touched people, blood, body fluids and individuals from the opposite sex, Garner said.

Since nurses were not respected, many left India to practice in other countries, causing has



Courtesy photo

GLOBAL MISSION The Louise Herrington School of Nursing has received a \$652,800 grant in partnership with Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India. The two started working together five years ago. Both hope to collaborate on research projects in the future.

a nursing shortage. However, since nurses have been able to make more money practicing in other countries, it has helped the profession.

“When they leave they can send money back home, and that whole process raises their status in their families,” Garner said. “They have the ability for social mobility and it is making nursing more respectable.”

Naylor just returned home from a trip in India on Thursday and said individuals at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital are excited with the partnership. “They are very grateful and they appreciate the involvement of Baylor and the hard work they are doing,” Naylor said.

Since Baylor began working with the Bangalore Baptist Hospital five years ago, both undergraduate and graduate students have been able to participate in mission trips to the hospital in India.

“If we look at our mission at Baylor, we are preparing men and women for world wide service, and this is really an example of a way we can do that,” Garner said. “One of our core convictions at Baylor is that we will integrate Christian faith with intellectual life, so this project is a perfect example of those two things coming together because we have lots of opportunities there to be able to minister and pray with patients and conduct research.”

Both Naylor and Garner are hoping the partnership continues in the future with collaborative research projects.

“My biggest takeaway is that as we try to do God’s work, follow his direction and in His name seek resources and partnerships, he will provide above and beyond anything we could imagine,” Naylor said.

CRITICS

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Colleges and universities are required to report crime statistics to the Education Department. Prosecutors, alumni and students said they were dismayed by statistics that showed Baylor reported no sexual assaults from 2008 to 2011.

It is “ridiculous” to think that no assaults occurred at Baylor during those years, said McLennan County Assistant District Attorney Hilary LaBorde. At a seminar at the school last year, she said, she learned that fewer than 10 percent of women who contact the campus’ Title IX office go on to file a police report.

LaBorde prosecuted two Baylor football players who were convicted of sexual assault: Tevin Elliott for a 2012 offense and Sam Ukwuachu for a 2013 assault.

ESPN’s “Outside The Lines” profiled three unnamed students earlier this month who said the school failed to act after they reported being sexually assaulted by Elliott. One of the victims said an administrator told her there were six complaints against Elliott, and Baylor could not act because “it turns into a he said-she said,” according to the report.

It’s not clear when each of the assaults is alleged to have happened.

Baylor’s governing board announced new measures last week to improve the school’s response to sexual assaults, including hiring more counselors and additional training for faculty and staff. The Texas attorney general’s office, meanwhile, recently determined that the university can keep private campus police records that detail the assaults committed by Ukwuachu and Elliott.

Starr has declined to speak publicly about the assault claims. A Philadelphia law firm hired by Baylor is reviewing the school’s response to sex assault claims, but Starr has not guaranteed that the report will be released publicly.

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pants.

Swanton said according to the police report, the woman was shaken but not injured and no arrest has been made at this time.

“I think it’s one of those things you hear about but you never think it will happen to you,” Brownwood senior and LL Sams Historic Lofts resident Ashton Steele said. “But I

myself go out late and live alone and knowing this has happened makes me more nervous.”

Steele said she will not take any extra serious precautions but she will

be more cautious about when she goes out and will be more aware of her surroundings now. She said she has pepper spray, so that makes her feel a little less nervous about the



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